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Central LA Region Agenda

Central LA Region
Introduction
-Wendy Cardona

Agency Updates
-Wendy Cardona

Regional Connector
Transit Project
-JC Montenegro
-Wendy Cardona

Eastside Access
Improvement Project
-Katrice Candler

Center St Project
-Katrice Candler

Division 20 Widening
and Turnback Facility
-Ned Racine

Central LA Region



Central LA Region - Community Relations Team

Centralized
communications
approach with the
community and projects

Core community
relations team

Assist with construction
related comments and
concerns

Serve as a conduit of
community priorities
within Metro

Five Projects: Div. 20 *
EAIP * Link US * Metro
Center Project *
Regional Connector

Central Los Angeles Region: Community Relations Team

Jeanmarie Hance, Manager

Regional Connector
EAIP



Jeanmarie Hance
Katrice Candler, PCRO/NMO

Olga Arroyo, Manager

Regional Connector



JC Montenegro, PCRO
Wendy Cardona, CRO/NMO

Metro Center Project



Katrice Candler

Division 20



Ned Racine, PCRO

Link US



Olga Arroyo

Central LA Region Projects

Project	Status	Projected Completion
Link US Phase A	Design	2024* (*design)
Center Project	Construction	2023
Regional Connector	Construction	2022
Eastside Access Improvements Project	Construction	2022
Div. 20 Portal Widening & Turnback Facility	Construction	2023



Agency Updates

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Fare collection and front door boarding resumes on buses on Jan. 10, 2022

Discounted Prices

- **Six months of half price passes for all riders!**
- 1-Day, 7-Day and 30-Day passes at half-price savings that riders can start using on Jan. 10.
 - \$3.50 for a day pass, \$12.50 for a weekly pass and \$50 for a 30-day pass if you are not enrolled in a discounted program.
- The fares will be available on TAP vending machines, taptogo.net and at Metro Customer Centers for purchase beginning Dec. 15 until July 20, 2022.

Low-Income Fare Is Easy (LIFE) Program

- Six months of discounted LIFE fares.
 - **New** LIFE riders will get **90 days of free rides** starting January 10, 2022, when fare collection restarts.
 - Pay \$26 for a 30-day pass (regularly \$76).
 - Pay \$6.50 for a 7-day pass (regularly \$19.50).
 - To sign up for the LIFE Program, visit www.metro.net/riding/life/

Metro Youth Council

- Metro is always working to make LA County's transportation system better for everyone. The voices of the communities we serve, including the youth of LA, are a key to our success.
- Metro is creating the Youth Council as a platform for young people to share their ideas and perspectives about Metro's projects and initiatives. The Youth Council will help us learn from youth leaders, who will also get guidance and mentorship from Metro staff
- **Applications are now open thru tomorrow, November 18th**

How to Qualify

- Live in LA County and be 14 to 17 years-old
- Commit to a one-year term and complete an "Introduction to Metro" training
- Must want to learn and participate in monthly meetings (in person and/or virtually)
- Be motivated to do outreach to engage other youth
- Participate in meaningful dialogue with Metro's leadership on projects, projects, and initiatives

Benefits for Youth Council Members

- Civic engagement and leadership development
- Letter of recommendation
- Mentorship and networking
- Attend Metro events/activities
- (when possible)
- End-of-year stipend

Youth Council Information:

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REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT PROJECT



Regional Connector Transit Project Update

Central LA Region
November 17, 2021



Regional Connector Project Team

Project Management:

- > Mat Antonelli
- > Michael Harrington
- > Sy Morales
- > Tung Vu
- > Johnny Truong
- > Huburt Kang

Community Relations:

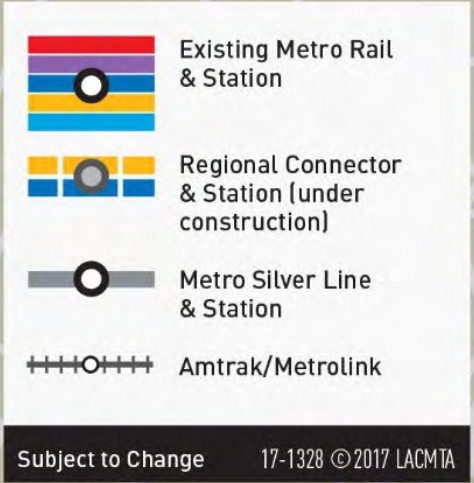
- > Olga Arroyo
- > Jeanmarie Hance
- > JC Montenegro
- > Wendy Cardona
- > Ginny Brideau

Regional Connector Constructors:

- > Ivan Hee
- > Philip Mateo

Project Overview

- > 1.9-mile underground light-rail system
- > Three underground stations
 - > Little Tokyo/Arts District (1st St/Central Av)
 - > Historic Broadway (2nd St/Broadway)
 - > Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill (2nd Pl/Hope St)
- > 90,000 daily passengers expected
- > Slated to open for rail passenger service in 2022



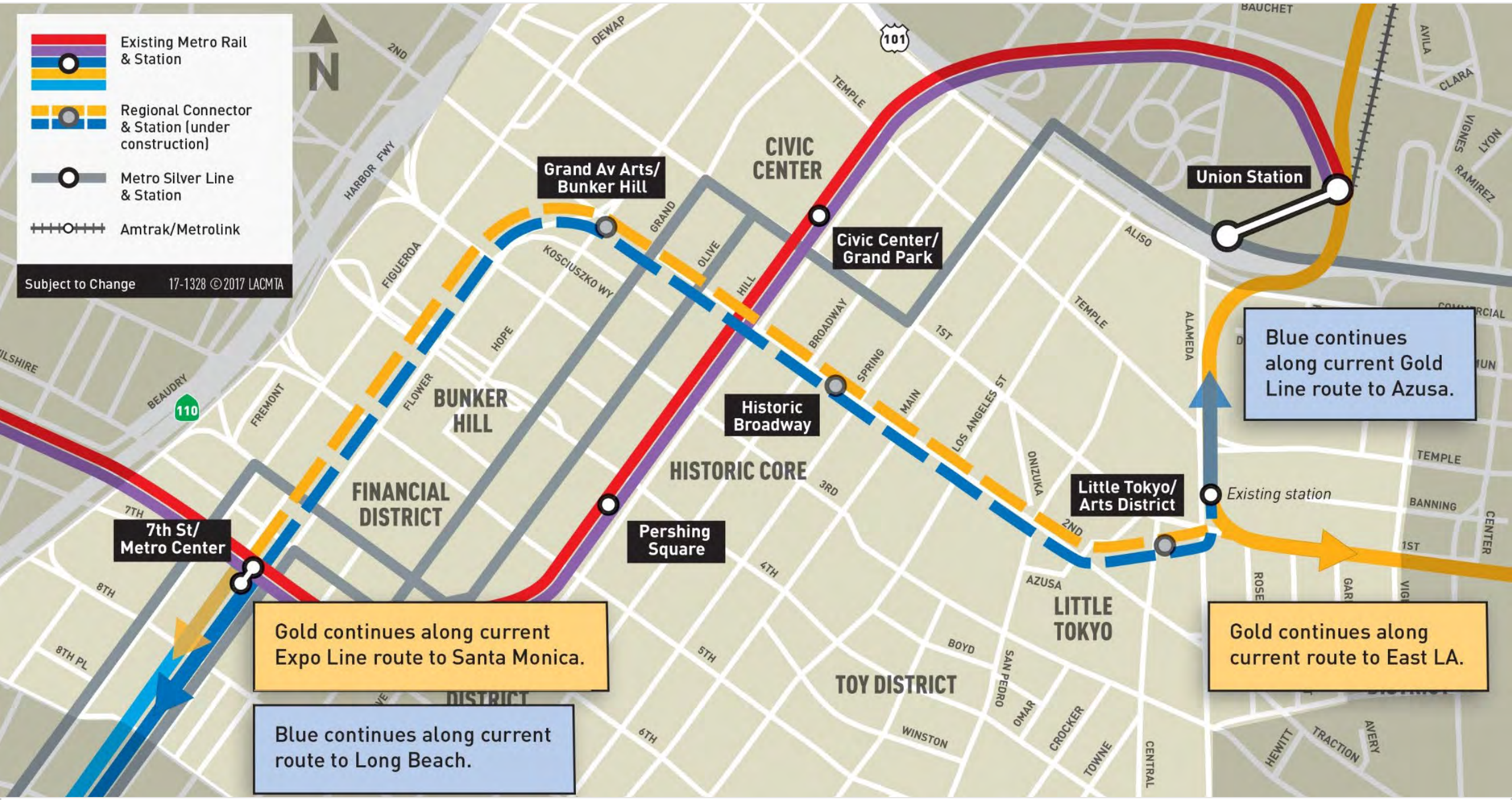
Existing Metro Rail & Station

Regional Connector & Station (under construction)

Metro Silver Line & Station

Amtrak/Metrolink

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Blue continues along current Gold Line route to Azusa.





Gold continues along current Expo Line route to Santa Monica.

Blue continues along current route to Long Beach.

Gold continues along current route to East LA.

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Project Update & Look Ahead

Activity	Little Tokyo/Arts District	Historic Broadway	Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill	Flower St/Financial District
Construction > Stations > Tunnel box	Concludes 2022			
Civil Restoration > Tree replacement, lighting, sidewalks, final paving & striping, etc.	Concludes 2022			
L Line (Gold) service interruption 7th St/Metro A & E Lines service interruption (weekends)	Concludes 2022	—	—	Through end of 2021
Testing	2022			
Revenue Operations	2022			

Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

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Little Tokyo/Arts District Station



Historic Broadway Station

Historic Broadway Station



Historic Broadway: Escalators



Grand Av Arts/ Bunker Hill Station

Grand Av Arts/Bunker Hill Station



Station Construction, Utilities, & Civil Improvements



Flower St/Financial District

Civil Improvements, Utilities, & Systems Integration at 7th St/Metro Center



End of 2021 Activities

Dates

- November 24, 2021, through December 26, 2021

City of Los Angeles Holiday Moratorium Application for Exception

To minimize impacts to shoppers and retail businesses

Hours of Operation for Regional Connector permit

- Day time work - 6 am to 9 pm
- Nighttime work - 9 pm to 5 am
- No construction activities anticipated on Holidays: 11/25-11/26; 12/25; 1/1
- Ongoing coordination with adjacent area stakeholders
- Continued construction mitigation promotions via Eat, Shop, Play

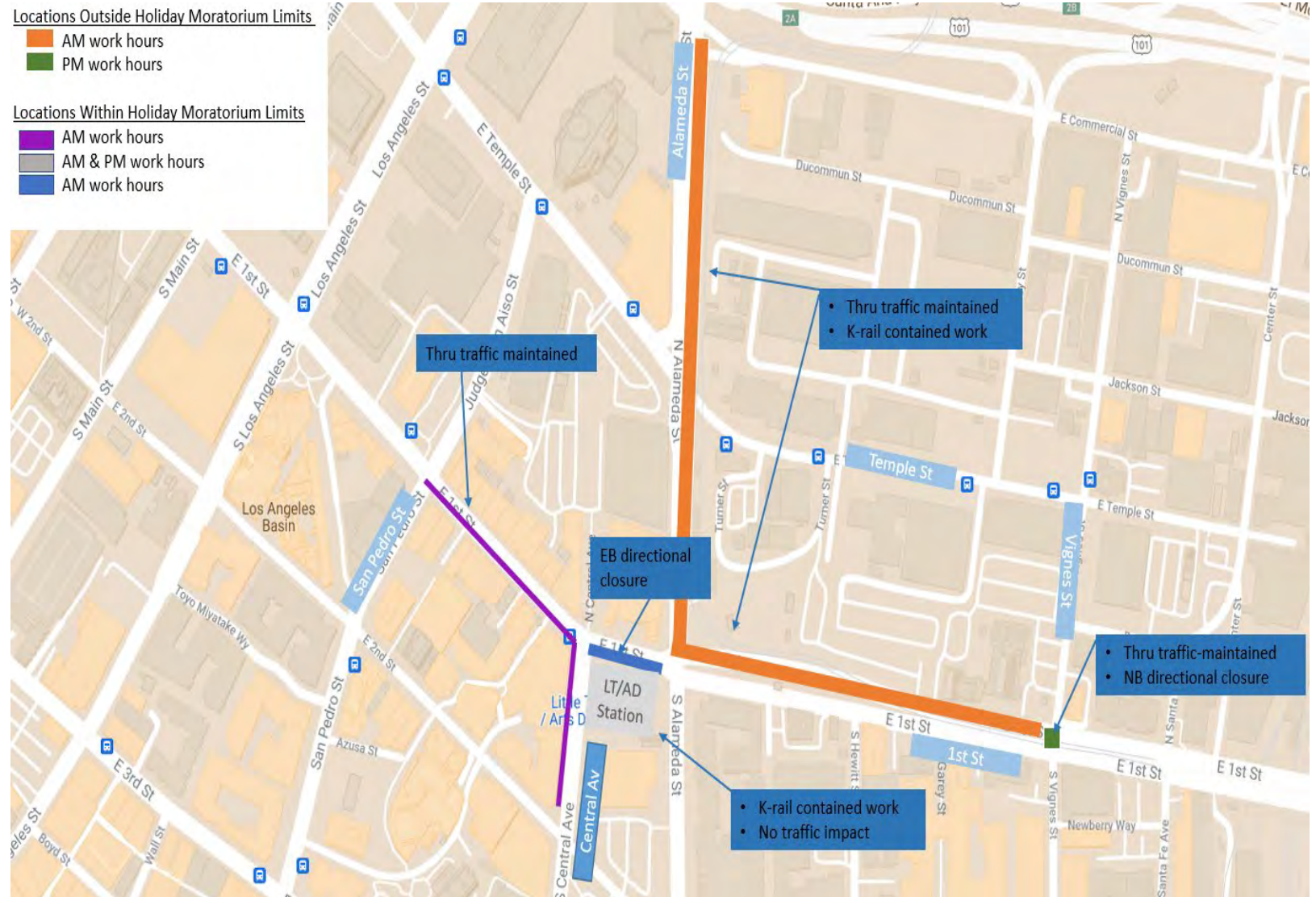
Little Tokyo/Arts District Activities & Locations

Locations

- Temple St: Alameda St to Vignes St
- Alameda St: 2nd St to Commercial St
- Central Av: 1st St to 2nd St
- 1st St: Vignes St to San Pedro St
- Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

Planned Construction Activities

- Pre-restoration
- Final placement of utilities
- Curb and gutter
- ADA ramps



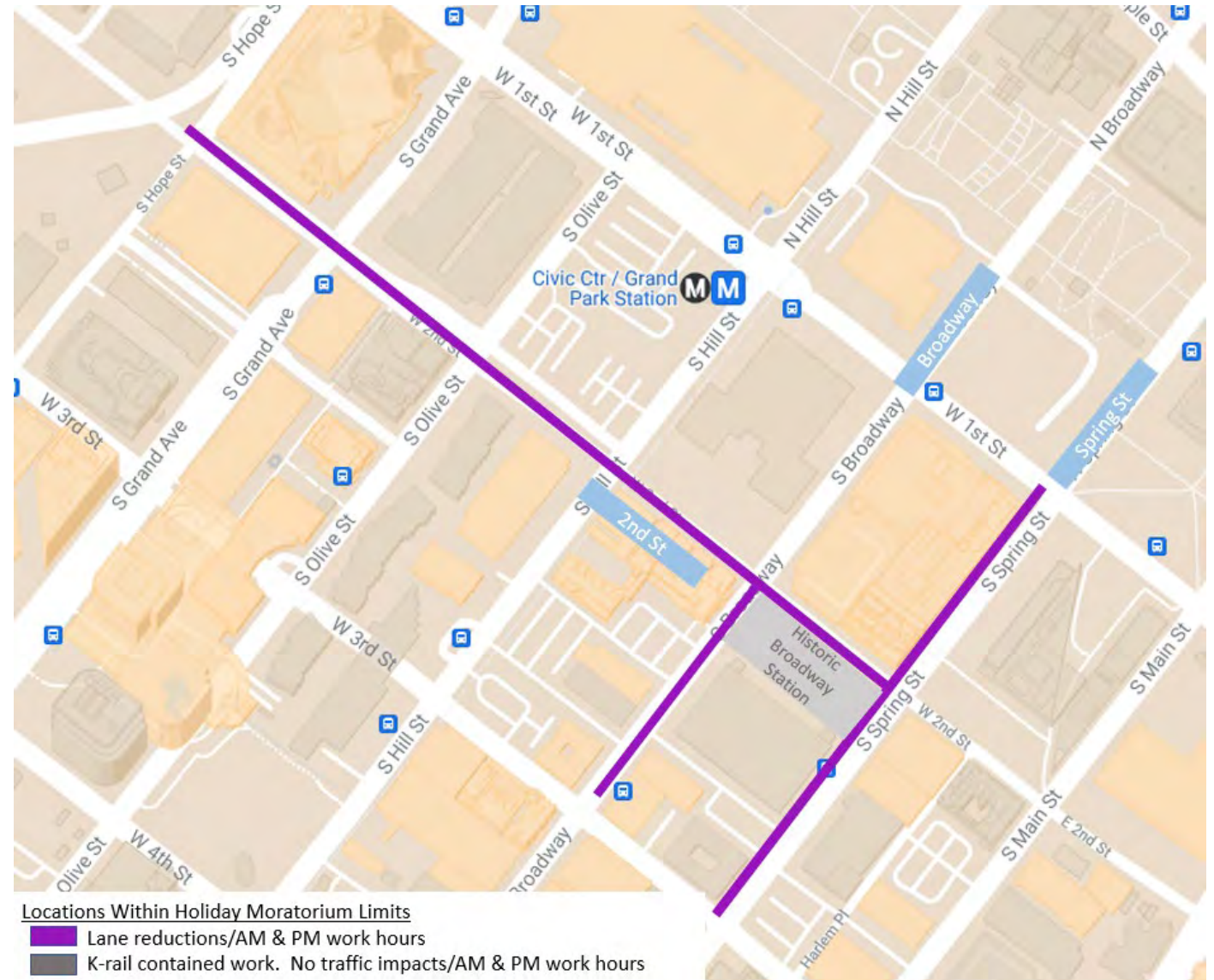
Historic Broadway Activities & Locations

Locations

- 2nd St tunnel
- 2nd St: Hope St to Spring St
- Spring St: 1st St to 3rd St
- Broadway: 2nd St to 3rd St
- Historic Broadway Station

Planned Construction Activities

- Instrumentation removal and roadway restoration
- Construction of vent structures
- Station backfill
- Final placement of utilities
- Pre-restoration, curb and gutter
- ADA ramps



Hope St: Activities and Locations

Locations

- Hope St: 2nd St and 3rd St
- SB Flower St: 1st St to 3rd St

Planned Construction Activities

- Construction of vent structures
- Station backfill
- Instrumentation restoration
- Final placement of Utilities
- Tree Removal
- Pre-restoration, Curb and Gutter
- ADA Ramps



Flower St: Activities and Locations

Locations

- Flower St: 3rd St to Wilshire Bl
- 5th St: 250 ft east/west of Flower St

Planned Construction Activities

- Street restoration
- Construction of vent structures
- Delivery and hauling of material
- Instrumentation removal and road restoration
- Final placement of utilities
- Pre-restoration, curb and gutter
- ADA ramps



Community Outreach and Engagement



Construction notices



Stakeholder briefings



Door-to-door distribution within ½ mile radius



Email notice distribution



Posting on Next Door



Postings on Facebook and Twitter



Waze map integration



Project website

Questions and Public Comments

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REGIONAL CONNECTOR TRANSIT PROJECT



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Project Website: Metro.net/RegionalConnector



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7 days a week
In-Language interpreter available



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Project Update Community Webinar

Regional Connector Transit Project



Eastside Access Improvements (TIGER Grant)



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Meet the Team

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Community Relations Manager

Katrice Candler

Sr. Community Relations
Officer

Niraj Vora

Construction Project Manager

Project Overview

The Eastside Access Improvements will implement streetscape, pedestrian safety and bicycle access improvements within a ½mile radius around the future Metro Little Tokyo/Arts District Station at 1st/Central.



Walk/Bike Esplanade



Class II BikeLanes



Storm Parkways
(Biowales)



Street Trees



Street Light LED
Conversion



Wayfinding Signage



Crosswalk Installation



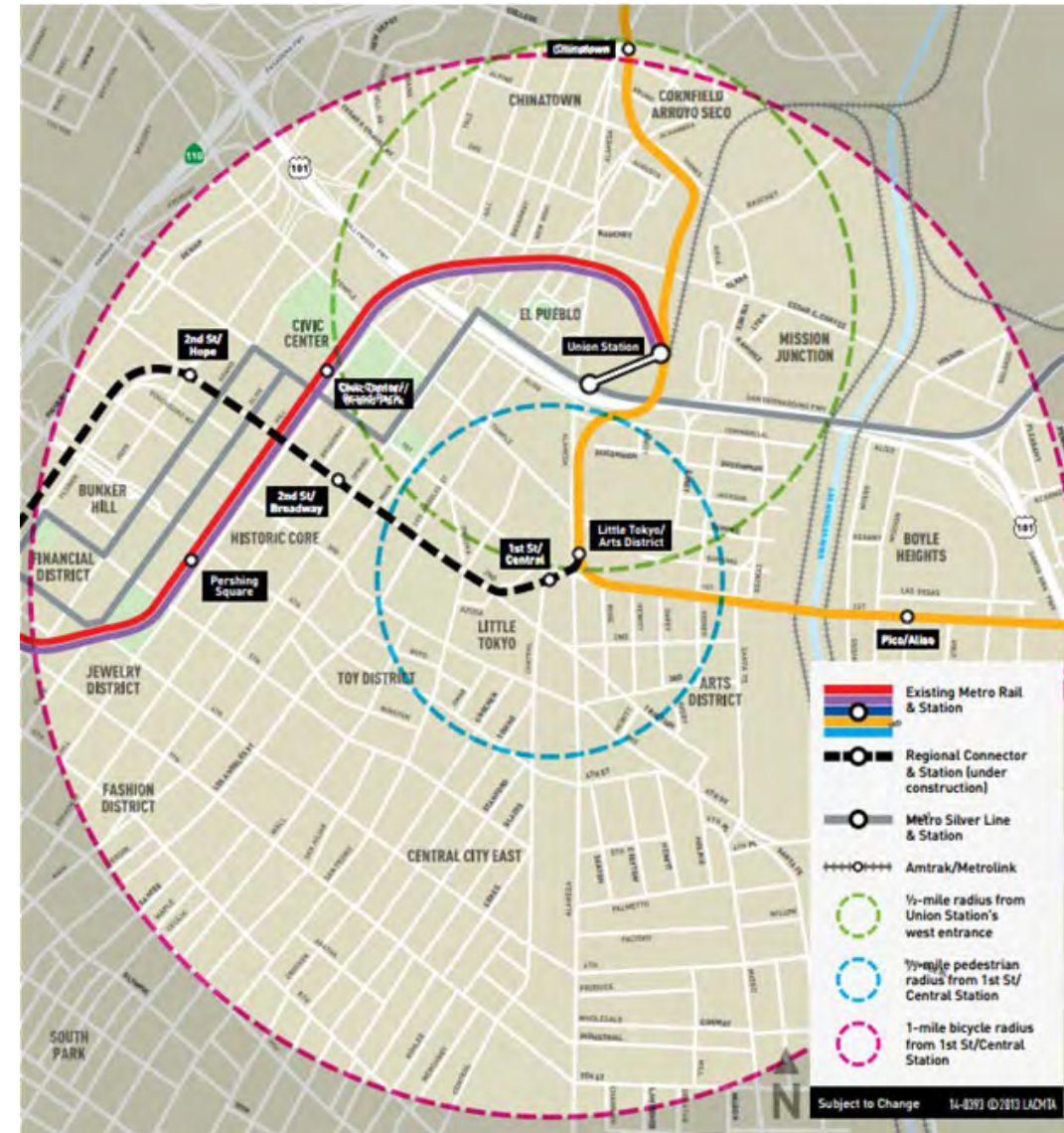
Decorative Crosswalk
Restoration



Street Furniture
Restoration



ADA Curb Ramp
Installation



Project Timeline

- March 18, 2021: Metro Board of Directors Approved Project Budget 29.7 Million Investment
- July 2021: Contractor on board. Construction planning process initiated.

Project Timeline: September 2021 – March 2022
Exception: Alameda Esplanade – June 2022



Ongoing Work



Los Angeles St

Tree Well Installation and Wayfinding Work in Little Tokyo and Arts District



2nd St

Ongoing Work



Utility Investigation along Vignes St and Santa Fe Av



Holiday Moratorium

Locations

- 1st St: Vignes St to San Pedro St
- Los Angeles St: 1st St to 2nd St and North of Toyo Miyatake Way
- Central Av: 1st St to 2nd St
- Central Av: 2nd St* (intersection)
- San Pedro St: 1st St to 3rd St
- San Pedro: 2nd St* (intersection)

Planned Construction Activities

- LED Light Upgrades
- Traffic Signal Work
- Map Foundation Work
- Restore moonbenches
- Decorative Cross Walks *



Segment 2: Alameda Esplanade



Alameda St at 1st St, looking north

K-Rail Extension: Alameda to Commercial

- Scheduled as early as December 11, 2021 – Spring 2022
- Pedestrian access will be maintained at intersection



K-Rail Extension: NB Alameda to Commercial

- RCC will be the contractor for the Alameda Esplanade
- Work maintained within K-rail limits



Facing NB Alameda

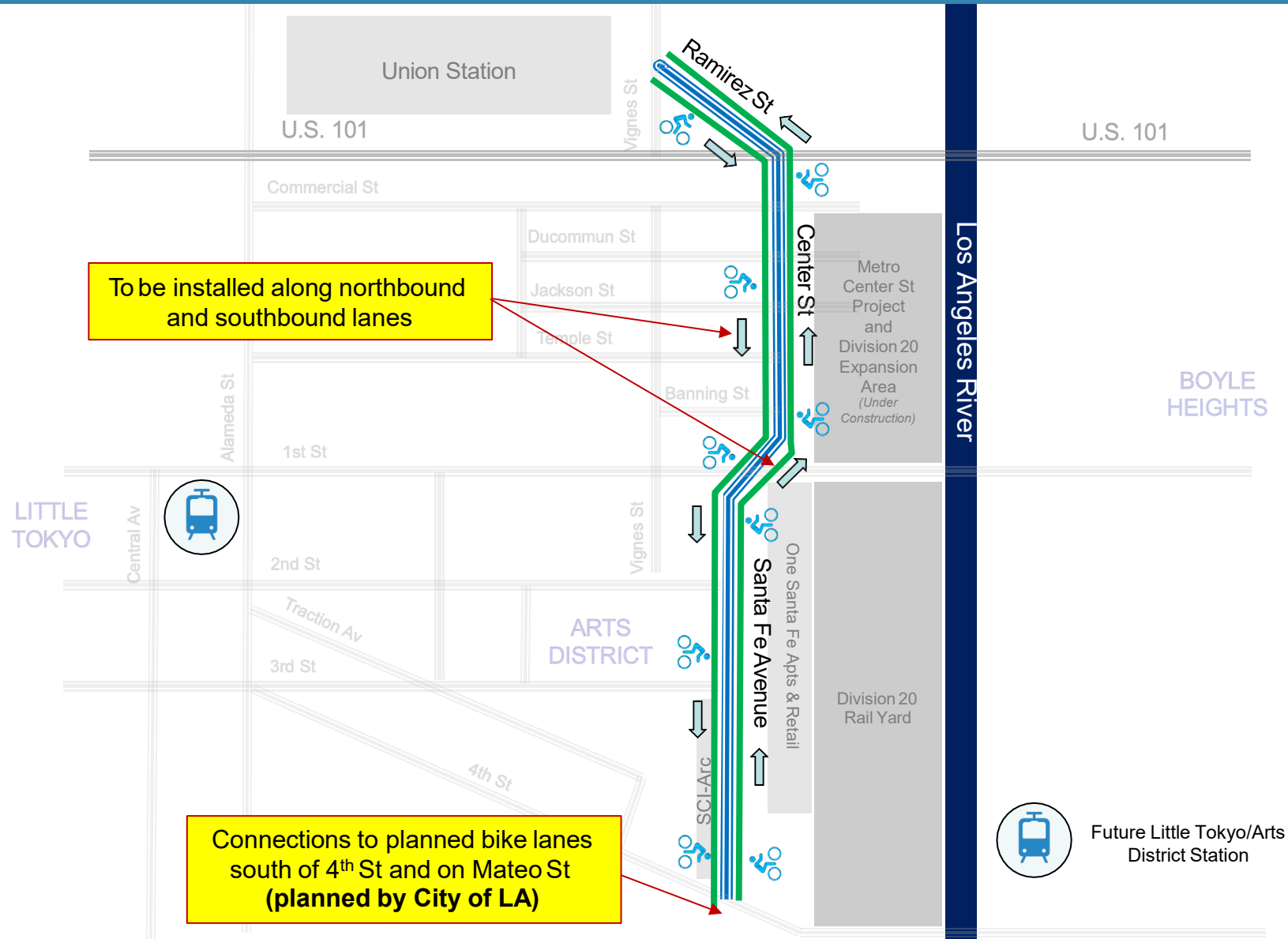
Segment 7: Santa Fe Spine – Arts District



Santa Fe Av at 3rd St, looking south

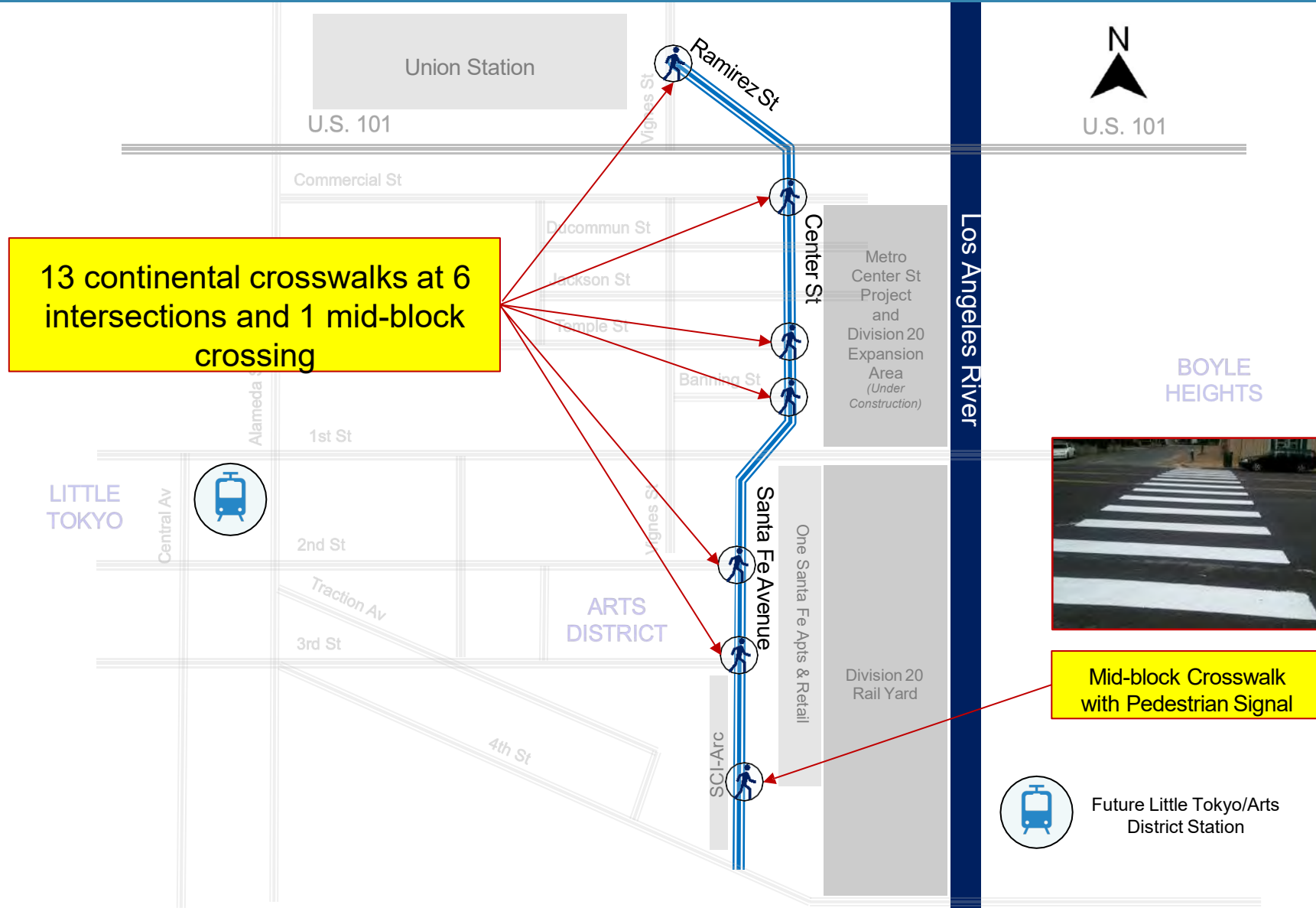
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Class II Bike Lanes



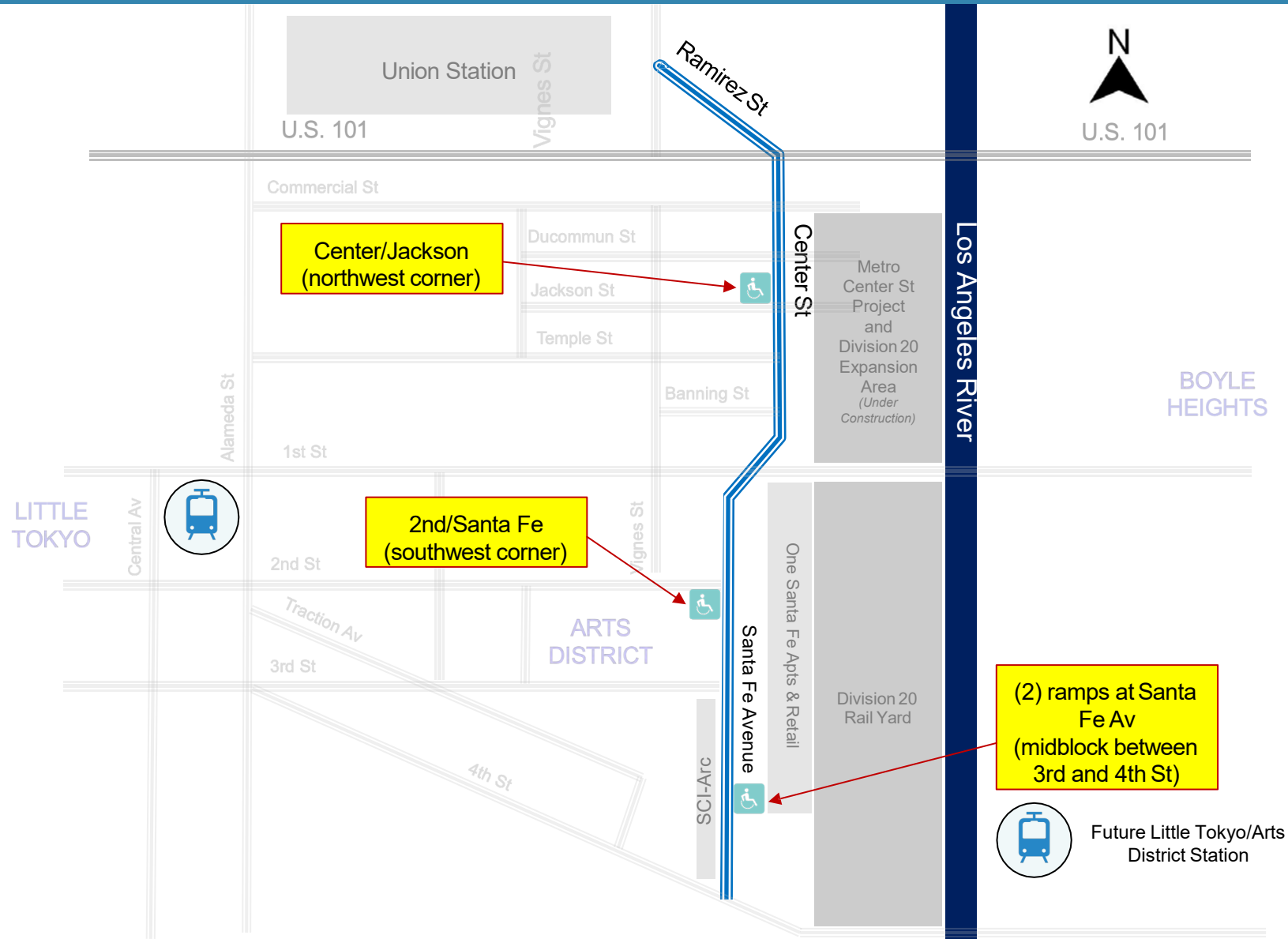
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Crosswalk Improvements



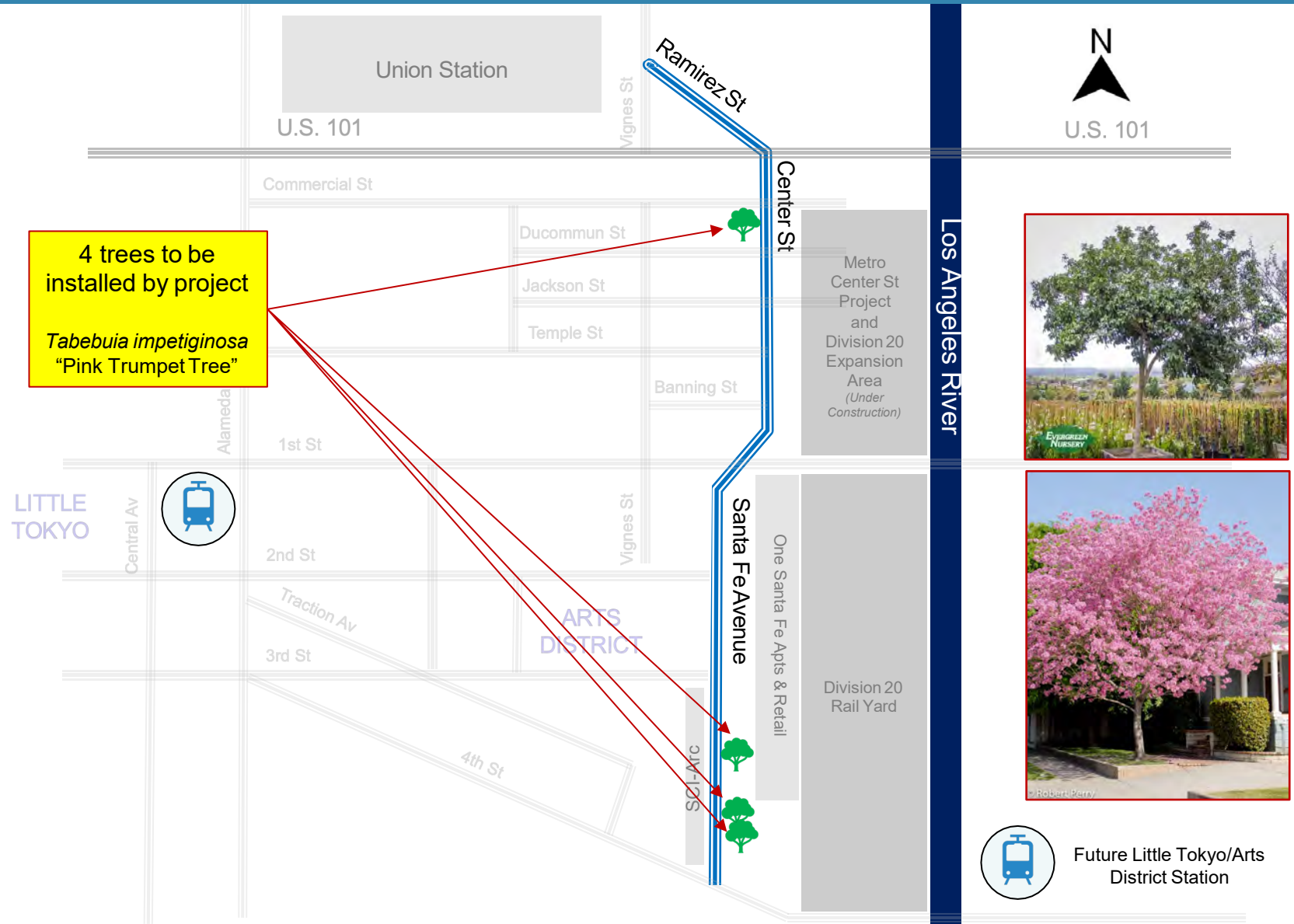
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ADA Curb Ramp Improvements



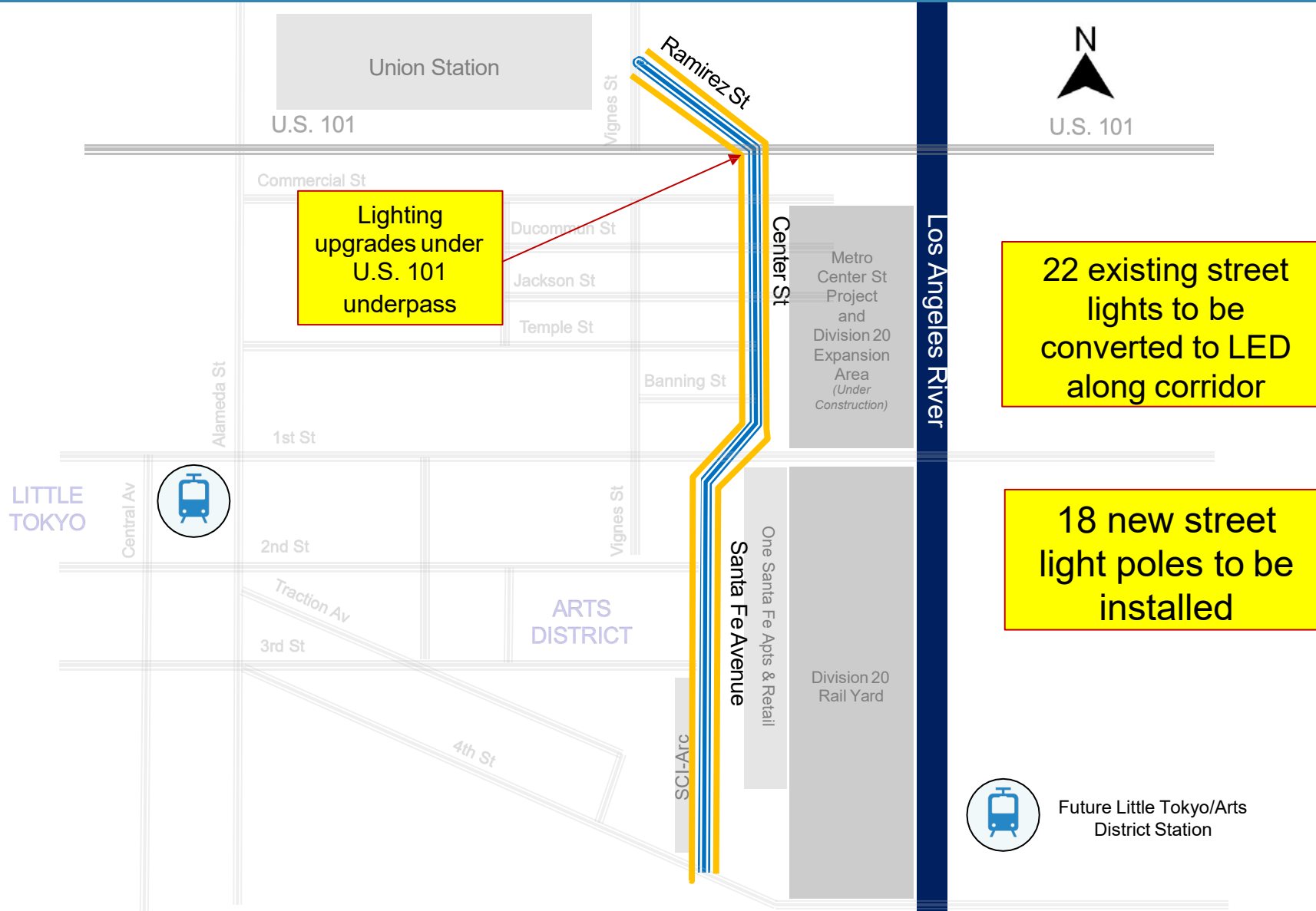
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New Street Trees

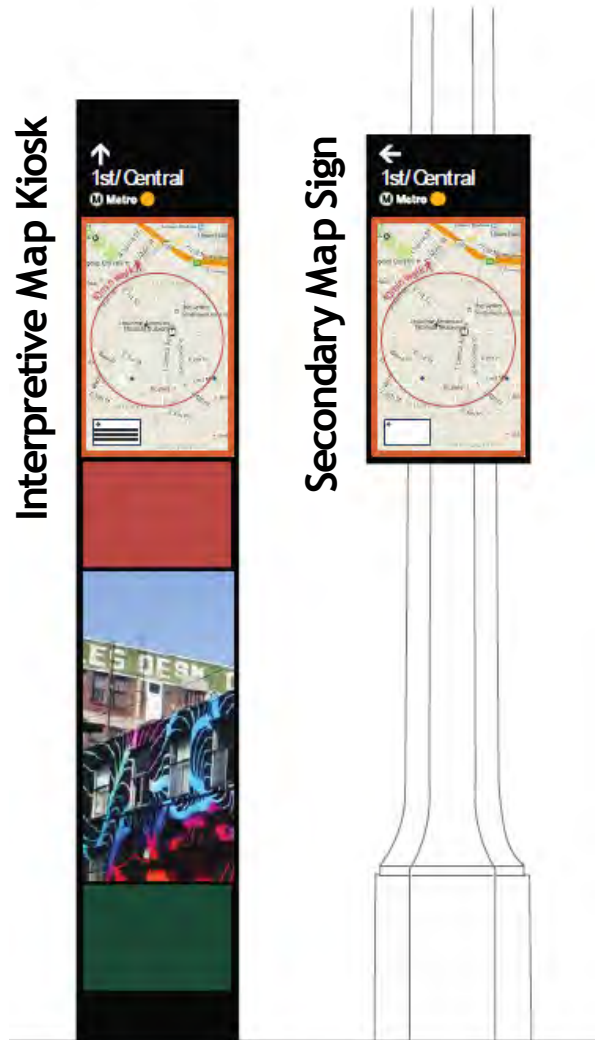


Segment 7: Santa Fe Spine – Arts District

Street Light Improvements & Upgrades



Wayfinding Signage Design



**Graphic Design subject to community input*

Interpretive Map Kiosks

- > 10 kiosks: (8) Little Tokyo (2) Arts District
- > Dimensions: 6'8" x 1'2" x 8"
- > Eight static graphic panels per kiosk, may vary per location
- > Installation on city sidewalk

Secondary Map Signs

- > 23 signs: (18) Little Tokyo (5) Arts District
- > Dimensions: 2'4" x 1'2" Sign
- > Installation on existing street poles

Signage Design

- > Panel content to be determined
- > Anti-graffiti coating

Thank you!



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Questions and Public Comments



Meet the Team

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Project Manager, Metro

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Project Manager, Construction Support

Amoroso – Contractor

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Project Manager, Amoroso

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Allison Porterfield

Sr. Specialist

Project Overview

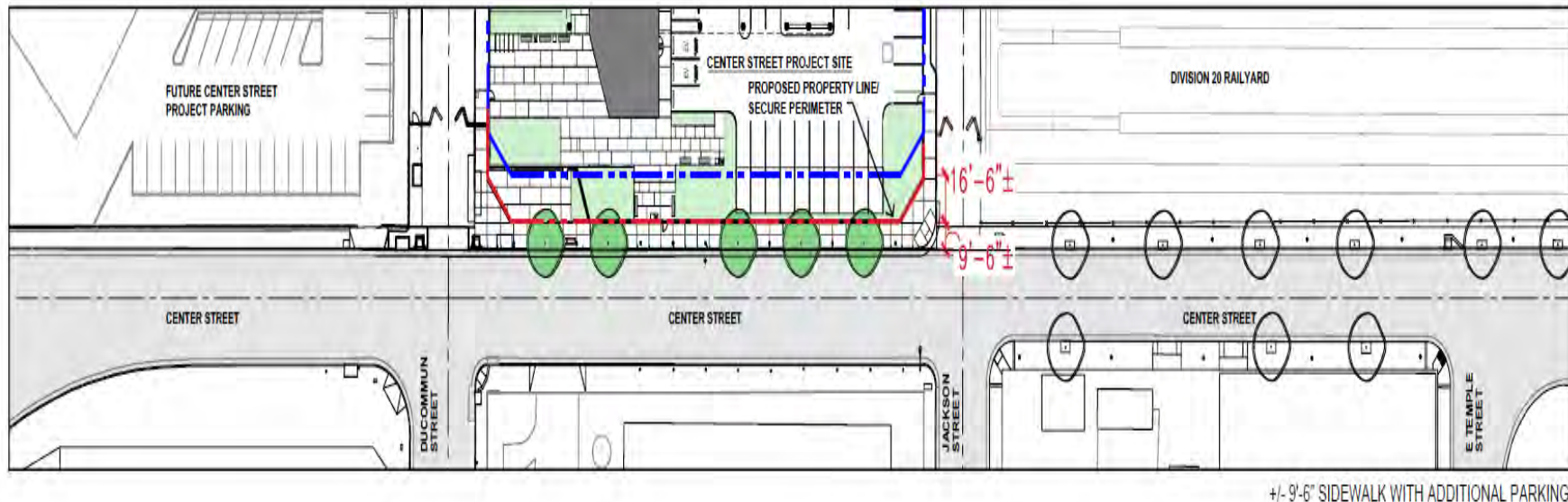
Metro Center Project:

1. A one-story building, with a second-story option to be built later
2. 26,000 square feet
3. Metro staff only-secured facility
4. Located on Center St, near the US-101 Fwy
5. Slated to open in 2023
6. Will meet the Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Gold certification



Metro Center Project Streetscape

1. Maintains the current roadway width of Center Street
2. Current street widths complements those of Division 20 project
3. Widen the Center Street sidewalk from 8 ft to 9.5 ft (Division 20 sidewalk remains at 8 ft)
4. Install 5 trees and pedestrian lights
5. 16.5 ft street vacation from City of LA



Metro Center Project Permanent Artwork

- > Meet the artist and community workshops occurred at the LA Kretz Innovation Campus in 2017. Additional community engagement planned.
- > The artist, Jacob Hashimoto, was selected via a process that included expert advisors rooted in the neighboring communities.
- > Jacob Hashimoto's internationally recognized artwork work is included in a public and private collections including the LA County Museum of Art (LACMA) collection.
- > Permanent artwork will be located on a section of the building's southwestern façade.
- > The main artwork elements will face Center Street with a segment wrapping around the corner facing Jackson Street.
- > Jacob Hashimoto is developing the artwork design and has been coordinating with the project team throughout the project development.

Temporary Artwork Construction Banner: Selection Process, Community Engagement & Design



JACCC x SLT x Metro Art present:



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by KUNIHARU YOSHIDA & SUSU ATTAR

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Temporary Artwork Construction Banners: Design Renderings



Banner 1

Temporary Artwork Construction Banners: Design Renderings



Banner 2

Upcoming Work

- 1. Sidewalk closure on east side of Center Street between Jackson St. and Ducommun St by end of 2021/early 2022**
 - a. Traffic Control plans under development for City review and approval
 - b. Coordination with Division 20 project and Eastside Access Improvement projects
- 2. Temporary construction fence artwork installation by January 2022**

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Questions and Public Comments

Next stop: improving rail service.

DIVISION 20 PORTAL WIDENING AND TURNBACK FACILITY

Meet the Team

Community Relations

- > **Marlon Walker**, Manager
- > **Ned Racine**, Principal Community Relations Officer
- > **Katrice Candler**, New Media Officer

Contractor

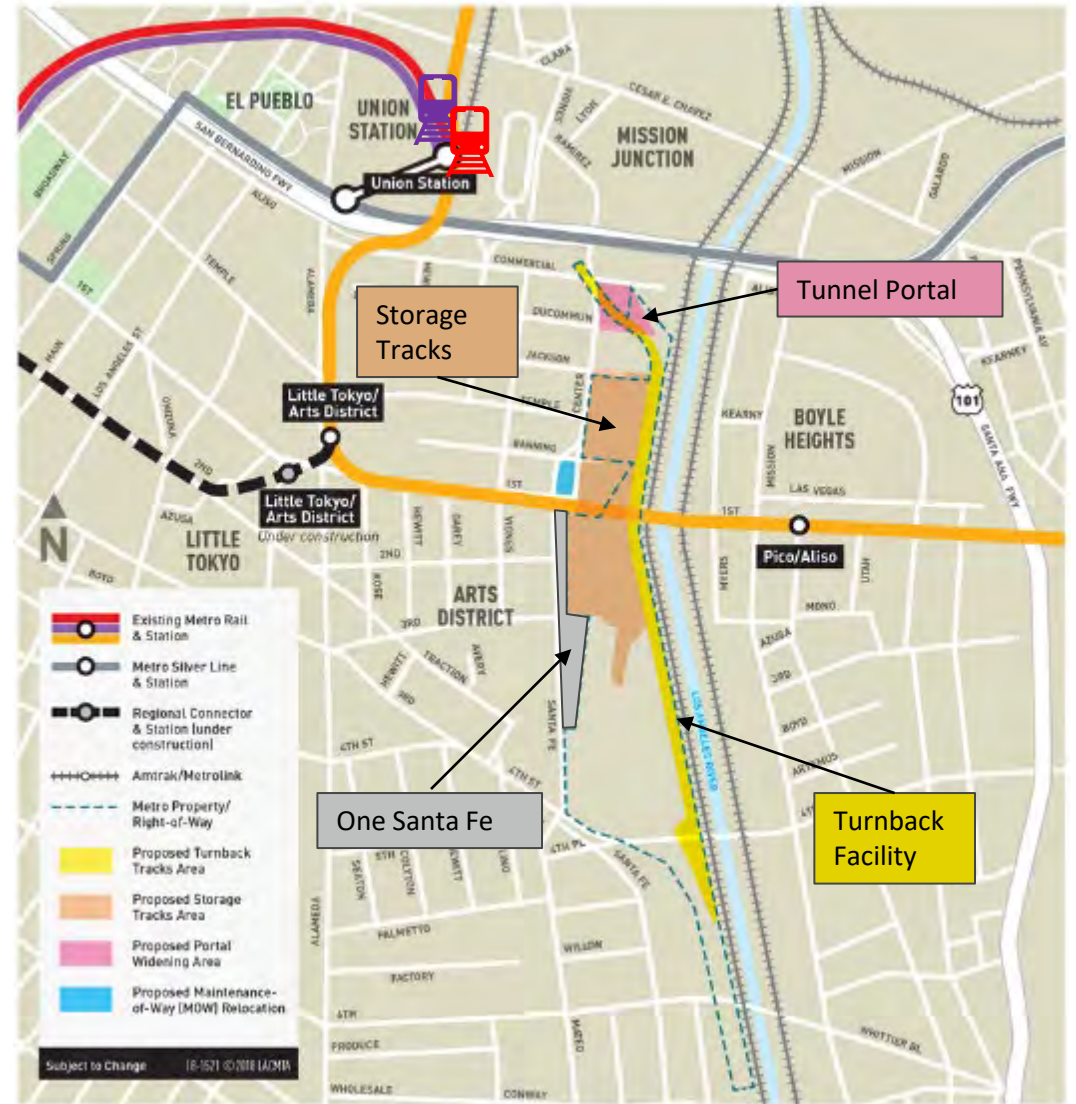
- > **Joanna Amador-Dempsey**, Construction Communications Coordinator

Division 20 Flyover Video



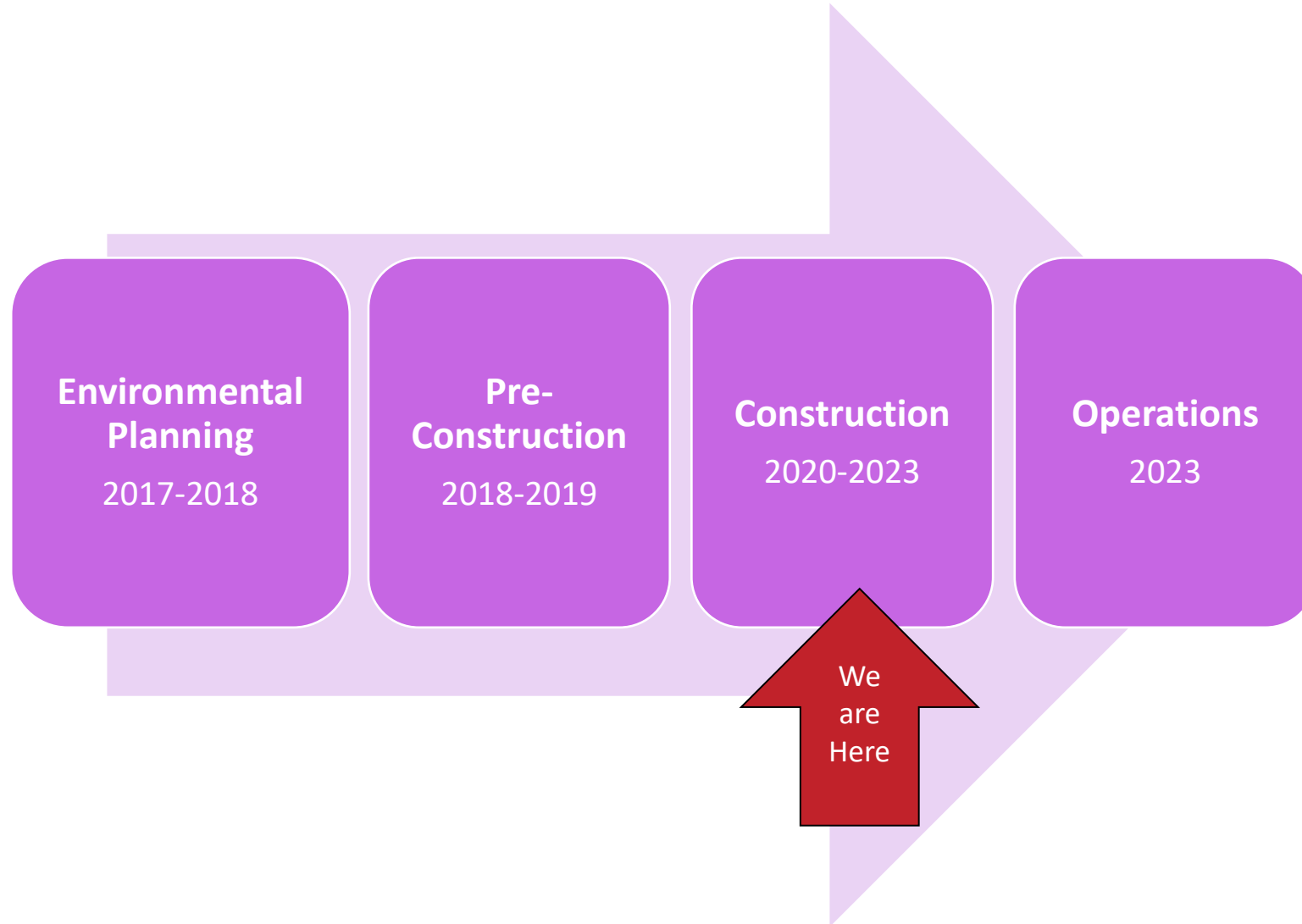
Project Overview

- > Operational improvements to Metro's Division 20 Rail Yard will accommodate increased service levels on the Metro Red and Purple (B and D) Lines
- > Improvements include:
 - Widening of heavy rail portal
 - New turnback facility
 - Expansion and reconfiguration of rail storage tracks
- > Benefits
 - Faster and more frequent service



Exact location of turnback tracks and storage tracks to be determined.

Project Timeline



Current Work

North Storage Yard

The utility work supports installation of the additional tracks for more rail car storage. New utilities are being added, while others are being relocated throughout the site.

- > Installing utilities:
 - Domestic water line under Banning St.
 - Fire water lines.
 - Lighting duct banks.
 - Main storm drain pipes.
 - Underdrains throughout the north yard
- > Adding retaining walls along Center St. from 1st St. to Jackson St.



Photo of the retaining wall from Banning St. to Jackson St.



Electrical work that will support the lighting and rails in the north yard.

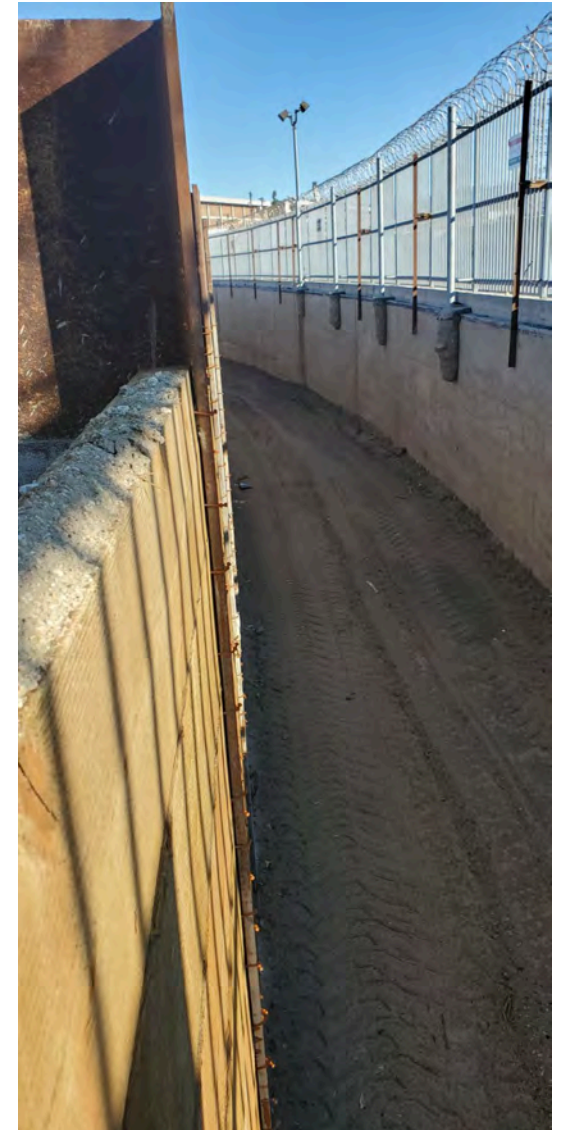
Current Work

Portal Widening

Future activities planned for the area, include installation of dewatering wells at the entrance of the portal. This work will support continued widening activities.

Once tracks are installed, the portal will carry subway cars from the rail yard to the underground entrance to Union Station.

Portal wall area excavated showing the west retaining wall which will become the alignment for the new west portal wall.



Current Work

1st Street Bridge Modifications

These modifications provide more structural support for the bridge, allowing bents to be removed, which enables more tracks to be placed under the bridge.

Work continues with the infill of walls and adding edge girders to the southside to create more structural support for the bridge. These activities continue through early 2022.

The crack and spall repairs of the structure continue through December 2021.



The area between the bent and the safety cones on the ground will be filled up to the girder level with concrete creating a structural platform for the girders. Girders will be placed to add strength to the bridge.

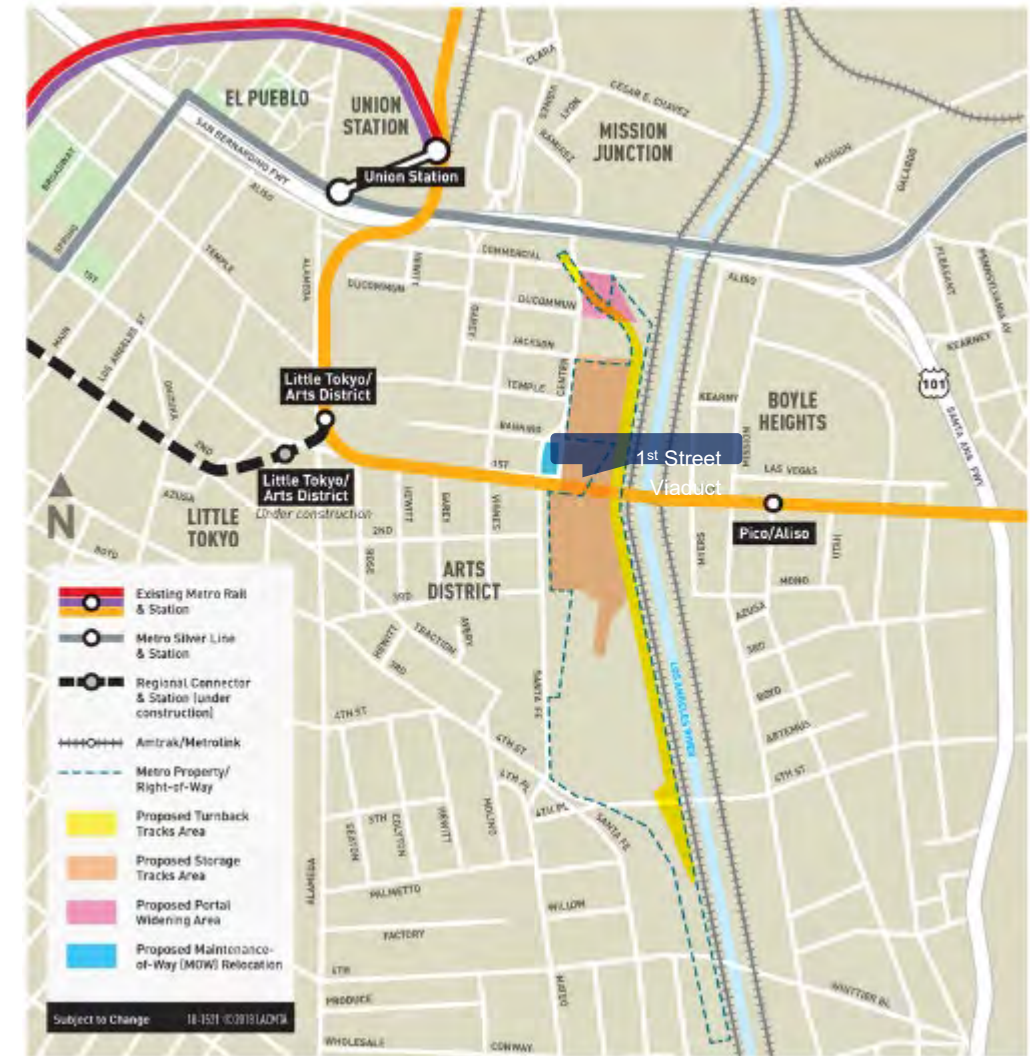


Crack and spall repairs in progress to the underside of the bridge. Workers on a manlift seen making repairs.

Upcoming Work

**Work is subject to change*

- > Continue duct bank and manhole installation for various utilities (lighting, water, and power).
- > Construct Center St. east side sidewalk, add permanent fence, and remove the "K-rail" concrete barriers (tentatively scheduled for 12-18-2021).
- > Continue 1st Street Bridge improvements, including work east of Los Angeles River.
- > Continue to install new underground fire water and storm drain lines in the north yard.
- > Construct portal foundation and walls.
- > Continue with underground conduit work, including fiber optic cables.
- > Installation of temporary security fence along Amtrak and Metro tracks.



Exact location of turnback tracks and storage tracks to be determined.

Construction Mitigations

> Best practices on the construction site:

- Equipment and staging areas shall be located away from noise-sensitive receivers, and noise barriers should be used when possible
- Minimize high-impact devices such as jackhammers and hoe rams
- Utilize lower impact devices such as concrete crushers and pavement saws
- Refrain from idling of equipment
- Use frequent watering to reduce dust



Watering trucks control dust.



Sound monitoring equipment.

End-of-Project Mitigations

- > On the east side of Center Street from Jackson Street to Banning Street, the Portal Widening Project will provide:
 - Street lighting
 - Pedestrian lighting
 - Tree wells
 - Vines
 - The Arts District reviewed these streetscape elements
- > The Portal Widening Project will provide a 10-foot-wide sidewalk on the west side of Center St from East Temple St to Jackson St and will provide an 8-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side from Jackson St to Banning St

How to Reach Us

- > **Project Hotline: 213-922-6934**
- > **Project Email: div20portalwidening@metro.net**
 - Staff will reply within 24 hours
- > **Stay Connected**
 - Construction notices posted online at metro.net/division20
 - Receive email project updates and construction notices

Questions and Public Comments

Central LA Region Projects: Next Steps

> Stay in touch for our next meeting in 2022

> Let us know your thoughts

> [Survey](#)



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